

Amendments to the Drawings

A complete set of Formal Drawings is submitted with the present Response. New formal drawing sheets are provided for Figures 1-24C. The new formal drawings for Figures 1-24C will replace prior versions of Figures 1-24C.

Attachment: 30 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The present submission of formal drawings, amendments, and remarks are responsive to the Ex parte Quayle Action mailed on August 10, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the present application. In view of the submission of the formal drawings, amendments, and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the drawings of the application show every feature of the invention specified in the claims and are in proper form.

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the Telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on August 30, 2007. The present submission of formal drawings and the accompanying remarks have been made in accordance with the discussion that took place in that interview. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification

In the present Response, the Applicants have amended the Specification in order to correct typographical errors and to reference each element shown in the drawings of the present patent application. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments to the Specification.

Submission of Formal Drawings

A complete set of Formal Drawings is submitted with the present Response. New formal drawing sheets are provided for Figures 1-24C. The new formal drawings for Figures 1-24C will replace prior versions of Figures 1-24C.

Objection to the Drawings

In the Ex parte Quayle Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Quayle Action contended that the drawings do not show the features “receive a disputation of the first amount of the available bill” and “transmit, in response to the received disputation, a revised amount of the available bill and a selectable payment indicator” that are recited in the claims.

In Response to the Ex parte Quayle Action, and as discussed in the Telephonic Examiner's Interview of August 30, 2007, the Applicants respectfully assert that the drawings of the present application support the features of the claimed invention. In particular, the Applicants respectfully submit that at least Figures 23B, 24B, and 24C show the features and recitations of the claimed invention and, therefore, satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a).

First, the claimed recitation of "receiving a disputation of the first amount of the available bill" is shown at least in Figures 23B and 24B. Specifically, element 1222B of Figure 23B illustrates a data flow in which a "user entity messages a billing entity disputing a portion of the bill." Additionally, Figure 24B illustrates one example of a billing page for a phone bill in which a breakout of the individual calls being charged 1166A, 1166B, and 1166C are shown. Respective "dispute" icons 1165A, 1165B, and 1165C are shown for each charge. The "dispute" icons may be selected by a subscriber to dispute a charge on a bill. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed recitation of "receiving a disputation of the first amount of the available bill" is supported at least by Figures 23B and 24B.

Similarly, the claimed recitation of "transmitting a revised amount of the available bill and a selectable payment indicator" is shown in at least Figures 23B and 24C. Specifically, element 1223B of Figure 23B illustrates a data flow in which a "billing entity removes a disputed charge from the bill and presents the revised bill to the user entity." Additionally, Figure 24C illustrates one example of a billing page with a revised billing amount. The billing page indicates that charge 1166B is a disputed charge and shows a revised total billing amount 1168A. Additionally, Figure 24C illustrates a "Pay Bill" icon 1164B that is selectable by a subscriber to allow payment of the bill. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claimed recitation of "transmitting a revised amount of the available bill and a selectable payment indicator" is supported at least by Figures 23B and 24C.

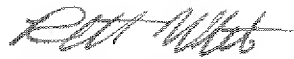
As discussed above and during the Telephonic Examiner's Interview, the Applicants respectfully submit that every feature of the invention specified in the claims is shown in the drawings. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that the drawings satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe they have responded to each matter raised by the Examiner. Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at 404.853.8233. It is not believed that fees for extensions of time or addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

If there are any issues which can be resolved by teleconference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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APPENDIX